

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: LASER UNIT, INSPECTION UNIT, METHOD FOR INSPECTING AND  
ACCEPTING/REMOVING SPECIFIED PELLET-SHAPED ARTICLES FROM A  
CONVEYER MECHANISM, AND PHARMACEUTICAL ARTICLE

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November 13, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows: